



# Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

## Board of Education Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

Borough Administration Building  
148 N. Binkley, Soldotna, Alaska

### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Joe Arness, President  
Mrs. Sunni Hilts, Vice President  
Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk  
Mr. Dan Castimore, Treasurer  
Mr. Marty Anderson  
Mrs. Liz Downing  
Ms. Lynn Hohl  
Mr. Bill Holt  
Mr. Tim Navarre

### STAFF PRESENT:

Mr. Sean Dusek, Superintendent of Schools  
Mr. Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Julie Cisco	Ms. Joann Riener
Mr. John O'Brien	Mr. David Brighton
Ms. Pegge Erkeneff	Mrs. Patty Sirois

Others present not identified.

### CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Arness called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Arness invited those present to participate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT:

Mrs. Downing read the District's mission statement.

### ROLL CALL:

Mr. Marty Anderson	Absent/Excused
Mr. Joe Arness	Present
Mr. Dan Castimore	Present
Mrs. Liz Downing	Present
Mrs. Sunni Hilts	Present
Ms. Lynn Hohl	Present
Mr. Bill Holt	Present
Mr. Tim Navarre	Present
Mrs. Penny Vadla	Absent/Excused

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved with a revision to 10a. (1) Long-Term Substitute Teacher Contracts and the addition of 10d. FY15 Budget Revision.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The School Board Minutes of May 4, 2015, were approved as printed.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND  
PETITIONS:**

Mr. Dusek noted the Board Planning Session to be held June 2, 2015 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Soldotna High School, to discuss the Board and superintendent evaluations and the Board's 2015-2016 goals.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE,  
SITE COUNCIL AND/OR  
P.T.A., K.P.A.A., K.P.E.A.,  
K.P.E.S.A, BOROUGH  
ASSEMBLY:**

Mrs. Patty Sirois, K.P.E.S.A. president, announced that KPESA and KPEA will host a Kid Zone table at the upcoming Kenai River Festival. She thanked Mr. Dusek for the recent reclassification of several support positions. She stated that four district students were recipients of the Anita Byers Memorial Scholarship; one student each from Susan B., Port Graham, Nanwalek and Nikiski High schools. She requested that the Board renew its 2014-2015 Board goal to improve relations with the Associations.

Mr. David Brighton, KPEA president, discussed the current status of the state budget process and stated that he hopes for full funding of education. He invited the Board members to volunteer to paint faces at the Kenai River Festival booth.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT:**

Mr. Dusek highlighted the ongoing Initiative Updates in the general information packet including the Assessment Literacy Grant, PBIS report, Soldotna Alternative and Chapman iPad initiatives and information on the Student Growth Map Pilot. He reminded the Board that these written reports are offered in lieu of work sessions due to time constraints. He discussed the six 2015-16 student early release dates, monitoring of attendance during these dates and quarterly products from these days that will be provided to the Board and public in a formal report. He announced that Mr. William Withrow (Mt. View Elementary assistant principal) was chosen as the new administrator of Redoubt Elementary and noted the large crowd in attendance at the interviews. Mt. View Elementary interviews will be held on June 2 beginning at 4:00 p.m. He stated that Mrs. Lynne Sandahl's retirement is now official, stated that she was a tremendous employee who will be missed and wished her well. He thanked Mrs. Patty Sirois and Mr. David Brighton for their assistance and open communications during his transition as superintendent.

**LEASE AGREEMENTS:**

Mr. Jones reviewed the report of leases and agreements for the 2015-2016 school year.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Mr. Jones presented the financial report of the District for the period ending April 30, 2015.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Mrs. Downing stated that the Legislative Committee had not met recently, discussed current legislative activities and urged the Board to continue to contact legislators. She presented awards at the Homer Middle School Mathletes Competition. She attended Homer Flex and Homer High graduations. She attended the Communications Committee meeting earlier in the day.

Mrs. Hilts attended the graduations of all of the schools that she represents and discussed the ceremonies. She discussed the value of learning a second language as they do in the Russian Village schools.

**BOARD REPORTS:**

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Ms. Hohl attended the Career and Technical Education Committee (CTEC) and Effective Instruction Committee meetings. She attended the Connections, Hope School and Seward High graduations and displayed the welding class gifts she received from Hope School. She assisted Mr. David Kingsland, Seward Elementary principal, in presenting staff longevity awards.

Mr. Holt attended the CTEC meeting and noted it was Mr. Dan Bohrnsen's last to attend. He attended a meeting with the Kenai Peninsula Borough Government Information Services (GIS) and Mr. Bohrnsen to discuss the possibility of including GIS education into the CTE program.

**BOARD WORKSESSION  
REPORT:**

Mr. Arness reported that the Board held work sessions entitled Policy Review Committee, Board Policy, Evaluation Systems Update and Level III Grievance Procedure Review. All members present at the meeting, attended the work sessions.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Items presented on the Consent Agenda were approval of Long Term Substitute Contract(s), Resignations, New Teacher Contract(s), Leave of Absence Request/Certified, 2015-16 Tentative Non-Tenured Teacher Contract and Tenure and 2015-16 Tentative Non-Tenured Contract(s).

**LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE  
TEACHER CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve long-term substitute teacher contracts for Laura Beck, Seward Middle School; Wayne Floyd, Nikiski North Star Elementary School; Samantha Rogers, Soldotna Elementary School; and Susan Whipp, Nikiski Middle/High School.

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve resignations from Lindsay Fagrelus, Science Teacher, Soldotna High School; Naomi Parrish, Intermediate Grade Teacher, Redoubt Elementary School; Stacia Rustad, Athletic Director/Health Teacher, Kenai Central High School; and Andrew Scrivo, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Seward Elementary School, all effective the end of the 2014-15 school year.

**NEW TEACHER CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve new teacher contracts for Steven Bezdecny, Science Teacher; Paige Blake, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Marjorie Dunn, Facilitator Gifted/Interventionist Teacher; Leslie Fazio, School Counselor; Megan Hardy, Primary Grade Teacher; Richard Harrelson, Credit Recovery Teacher; Sarah Hartmann, Intermediate Grade Teacher; David Hebert, Special Education Resource Teacher; Betty Nelson, Facilitator Gifted/Interventionist Teacher; Sandra Newberry, Special Education Intensive Needs Teacher; Troy Poage, Math Teacher; Elijah Porter, Math Teacher; Brook Reynolds, Primary Grade Teacher; Anna Simmons, Intermediate Grade Teacher; Nicole Stein, Primary Grade Teacher; Susan Stotz, Science Teacher; Erika Thompson, Intermediate Grade Teacher; and Amy White Baxter, Primary Grade Teacher.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE  
REQUEST/CERTIFIED:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a leave of absence for Katharine Bynagle, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, West Homer Elementary School, effective the 2015-16 school year.

**TENTATIVE NON-TENURED  
TEACHER CONTRACT AND  
TENURE:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve a tentative non-tenured teacher contract and tenure for Kimberly Hoover, Teacher/Regular.

**TENTATIVE NON-TENURED  
TEACHER CONTRACTS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve tentative non-tenured teacher contracts for Catherine Kibling, Teacher/Special Education; Shannon Ryan, Teacher/Regular; Keith Seville (.20 FTE), Teacher/Regular; and Janae Van Slyke, Teacher/Regular.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Holt moved the Board approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 6. Mr. Navarre seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**KPSAA HANDBOOK  
REVISIONS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve proposed changes to the 2015-2016 Kenai Peninsula School Activities Handbooks (KPSAA).

**MOTION:**

Mr. Holt moved the Board approve proposed changes to the 2015-2016 Kenai Peninsula School Activities Handbooks (KPSAA). Ms. Hohl seconded.

**VOTE:**

YES – Downing, Hilts, Hohl, Holt, Navarre, Arness

NO – Castimore

Motion carried.

**POLICY REVISIONS:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve revisions to BP 5141.31 Immunizations and BP and AR 5141.21 Administering Medication.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Navarre moved the Board approve revisions to BP 5141.31 Immunizations and BP and AR 5141.21 Administering Medication. Ms. Hohl seconded.

Mrs. Patty Sirois spoke against medication distribution duties being assigned to support staff and asked that the duties be assigned to certified staff.

Motion carried unanimously.

**FY15 BUDGET REVISION:**

Mr. Jones recommended the Board approve an FY15 Budget Revision as presented.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Holt moved the Board approve an FY15 Budget Revision as presented. Mr. Navarre seconded.

**MOTION:**

Mr. Castimore moved the Board postpone item 10d. Approval of FY 15 Budget Revision until the July 6, 2015 meeting. Mr. Holt seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

**FIRST READING OF POLICY REVISIONS:**

The Board heard a first reading of BP 3470 Fund Balance and AR 5141.22 Infectious Diseases.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Ms. Hohl reported that she attended the Work Force Development board meeting in Seward where she testified regarding state legislators' lack of knowledge on construction academies and their value, especially in outlying areas. She discussed a possible CTE educational partnership between the District and Vigor Industrial as Vigor now owns the Seward shipyard. She attended the Alaska PTA Convention in April. She stated that she enjoyed her visit to Hope School and that while there, she toured the welding shop.

Mrs. Hilts expressed the need for good relations with KPESA and KPEA and stated that all parties need to work towards that goal.

Mr. Holt worked with Mr. Doug Gordon and a group of Soldotna High School students (one of which is an Eagle Scout candidate) in making signs for the Tsalteshi Trails. He thanked Mr. Gordon for his assistance on this project.

Mr. Navarre reported that the weekend of June 6, he will attend the Governor's Sustainable Futures meeting in Fairbanks. He participated in a teleconference earlier in the day with the Commissioner of Revenue. He stated that he will continue to advocate for school funding and is disappointed that the legislature has not yet passed a budget.

Mrs. Downing discussed three letters that she received from Homer High School students sharing their concerns. She had lunch with Dr. Linda Chamberlain (speaker and trainer) the week of May 25. She had dinner with Dr. Chamberlain and Ms. Judy Stephens, of the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) national newsletter. She stated the ACEs and Green Dot programs in Homer are doing a great job advocating for schools that are trauma informed. She stated that Ms. Megan Murphy of the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) program would like to speak to the Board at their September 2015 meeting.

Mr. Castimore attended the graduation ceremonies at Kenai Central High, Soldotna High, Nikiski High and Connections Homeschool. He stated that the Soldotna High School ceremony would benefit from law enforcement assistance with the traffic. He participated in a two-day Construction Academy at KCHS where they built dip net fee shacks and he expressed appreciation for the experience.

**ADJOURN:**

At 6:45 p.m., Mr. Arness adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Joe Arness, President

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Mrs. Penny Vadla, Clerk

Approved 7-6-2015

Submitted by Mrs. Debbie Tressler  
Administrative Secretary to the Board of Education